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SUB: AIR IVOIRE TO BE MERGED INTO IVORIAN AIR FORCE

1. THE GOIC HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO MERGE AIR IVOIRE, THE DOMESTIC AIRLINE, INTO THE IVORIAN AIR FORCE. DETAILS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FORMULATED.

2. THE ACTION WAS MOTIVATED BY: (1) THE POLICY ENUNCIATED BY PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY IN AUGUST 1974 OF ENCOURAGING MORE MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT, AND (2) A DESIRE TO BRING ABOUT LOWER AIR FARES. AIR IVOIRE'S FARES NOW AVERAGE 13.3 U.S. CENTS PER KM. THE LINE SERVES NINE IVORIAN CITIES: ABIDJAN, BOUAKE, SAN PEDRO, MAN, KORHOGO, DALOA, SASSANDRA, GRAND-BEREBY AND TABOU.

3. AIR IVOIRE HAS ENCOUNTERED OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES DUE TO SHORTAGE OF EQUIPMENT, INADEQUATE CAPITALIZATION, OVERBOOKING AND DIFFICULTLY MAINTAINING PUBLISHED SCHEDULES. THE AIRLINE CURRENTLY OPERATES A FLEET OF THREE LARGE AND TWO SMALL PLANES. IT TRANSPORTED 48,728 PASSENGERS A TOTAL OF 17,331,528 PASSENGER KMS. IN 1974. FLIGHTS IN 1974 OPERATED AN AVERAGE OF 62.3 PERCENT FULL. THE FIRM HAS A STATED REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE FIVE ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT OF SEATING CAPACITY BETWEEN 20-40 PASSENGER.

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